



# Lawrence Academy

## Four Centuries in Groton...

Established in 1793 and founded as Groton's town school, Lawrence Academy (LA) enjoys its heritage as an independent school with one of the nation's longest traditions of academic leadership while embracing a progressive student-centered approach that supports its mission: "Lawrence Academy recognizes you for who you are and inspires you to take responsibility for who you want to become."

LA also recognizes the value of its location in Groton, a historic, vibrant, and traditional New England town perfectly situated in central New England with easy access to Boston and New York City; a setting that has allowed our school to flourish since Governor John Hancock put his famous signature on the school's bill of incorporation.

# An Active Community

In the same way that students, staff, and faculty frequent Groton's downtown and its businesses, Lawrence Academy often welcomes local residents to its campus. Here are some of the ways Groton residents can take advantage of the LA campus.

## *Cultural and Athletic Offerings*

The Conant and Williams Galleries host frequent art shows, which are free and open to the public at regularly scheduled hours.

Theatre thrives at Lawrence Academy, with a different show for each of three academic terms during the school year. The general public is always invited to these free performances in the 500-seat Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center.

Likewise, LA's dance program hosts three annual performances in the Gray Building's Black Box Theatre.

The William J. Mees Visiting Scholar program brings guest speakers and artists to campus and the general public is invited to their evening performances. In fact, the grant supporting the program was written to include an evening performance open to the community.

Lawrence Academy hosts many athletic events which feature top-caliber competition and give

the community the opportunity to see athletes at the top of their game. LA belongs to the 16-member Independent School League. All school contests are open to the public.

In addition, LA has the opportunity to host professional athletic contests. These events have included Men and Women's Lacrosse Tournaments, US Olympic Fencing and the Northeast Passage Wildcats, a Para-Olympic sled hockey team.

LA operates a summer camp offering over 30 day camp options for children entering grades PK–10. Nearly 500 Groton residents utilize these summer offerings annually.

## *In Service to Groton*

Lawrence Academy employees volunteer their time with many organizations in town, such as Groton Scholarship Committee, Groton Board of Trade, Groton Community Dinners, Groton Conservation Trust, Nashua River Watershed Association, Mountain Lakes Club, Historic District Commission, First Parish Church Advisory Committee, Loaves and Fishes in Devens, Florence Roche Elementary School, Groton EMS, Groton Fire Department, TADS (teenage anxiety and depression solutions), and Groton Home Tours.



Students at LA participate in community service programs with both local and global reach. In a collaboration with one of LA's Winterim programs, the Groton Community

Dinners was able to participate in the Empty Bowls Project, a fund-raiser complete with hand-made pottery bowls by LA students.

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## Economic Impact

Beyond its status as an academic, artistic, and cultural hub and its support of local businesses, LA also makes direct contributions to Groton and surrounding communities:

35 of Lawrence Academy students are Groton residents. And 147 students have moved to Groton to raise their families after graduation from LA.

Nearly 100 town residents were employed by LA in 2014.

The school paid out over \$1,600,000 to vendors situated within 15 miles.

Many of Groton's youth sports organizations, as well as the Groton-Dunstable Regional school district, use LA's fields and facilities.

Whenever possible, Lawrence Academy also offers meeting spaces to Town of Groton organizations and activities, including the annual Taste of Nashoba event. and the Groton Community Chorus. The Richardson-Mees

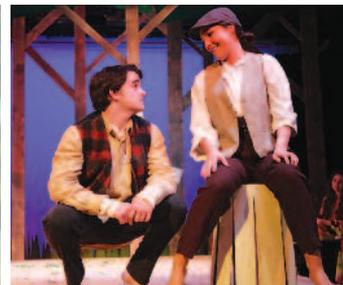
Performing Arts Center is also happy to serve as a stand-in for town meeting space, as it was this past summer for the last minute Pipeline forum.

At their request, LA has donated used school buses to the Groton Police. LA has also donated school equipment to the Groton-Dunstable Regional School District.

After a community meeting about the safety of crossing 119 with residents, the Library and safety officials, Lawrence Academy installed crosswalk push-button signals on Routes 119 and 40.

LA is committed to the health, safety and security of not only our students but members of the Groton Community as a whole.

Each year Lawrence Academy contributes a meaningful donation to the Town of Groton in recognition of the support the Town provides to our extended community.



# A Continuing Partnership

Lawrence Academy values its partnerships with community organizations, local businesses, and local residents and their families. LA's faculty, staff, and students work toward supporting the Town of Groton to be the outstanding community that it is.

If you have any questions about Lawrence Academy or the school's place in the community, please feel free to contact any of these long-time Groton residents: **Linda Deasy**, Director of Finance and Operations ([ldeasy@lacademy.edu](mailto:ldeasy@lacademy.edu)), **Susan Hughes**, Assistant to the Head of School, ([shughes@lacademy.edu](mailto:shughes@lacademy.edu)), or **Rob Moore**, Assistant Head of School ([rcmoore@lacademy.edu](mailto:rcmoore@lacademy.edu)).



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